

CONGRESS MAY FIX REASONABLE RATE

Physical Valuation of Railroads to Be Finally Adjusted.

THE SITUATION IN VIRGINIA

Interstate Commerce Commission Takes Up Question of Limiting Finances.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 6.—Two questions put by members of the Interstate Commerce Commission to attorneys for the railroads in the course of a recent argument show that a new order of finance will have to obtain if the views of the commission are carried out.

In one case the statement was made by a railroad attorney that his line was bonded at so much per mile. Asked by Commissioner Prouty what the line was worth, he replied, giving the same figure as that at which it was bonded. To this Commissioner Prouty asked: "Do you mean to say that when a railroad is bonded up to its actual value it ought to pay more than operating expenses over and above the interest on these bonds?"

Upon being assured by the attorney that he thought the stockholders ought to have something, even under the conditions laid down in the question, Commissioner Prouty remarked that that would be a way for men to get more than reasonable returns for their money.

Chairman Knapp, upon another occasion, when the attorney for a railroad was making a poor mouth to the effect that they were not allowed to make permanent improvements out of operating expenses on the one hand, and on the other were forbidden by the State of Texas to issue any more bonds, asked him if he did not think it about time that the stockholders were assessed a little for building permanent improvements.

Holding Railroads Down.

These two questions are indicative of a disposition on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is becoming more apparent every day, of holding the railroads down to legitimate financing. There is no doubt but that they are working along lines looking to the making of the future conform with the actual value of the roads and equipment. Senator Tillman delivered a speech two years ago in which he quoted extensively from one of the best engineers in the United States, who had figured the actual cost of a replacement of the properties of several representative railroads at prices then prevailing, with the result that he found that in no instance was the actual value more than one-half what the stocks and bonds represented.

If bond and stock issues in the future are held down to the actual cost of the properties, it will inevitably lead to a new system of railroad financing.

Trick Commonly Played.

Many railroads to-day have a trick of building permanent improvements and making permanent betterments and charging it up to operating expenses. It was brought out in a recent hearing that one road had spent \$2,000,000 in permanent improvements, charging the same to operating expenses. Other roads have taken track-laid with sixty-pound rails and on the ground, and have then on the track, laid new eighty-pound rails and have thoroughly re-ballasted the whole line, increasing its value to the extent of millions of dollars, and yet every cent of it was charged to operating expenses. In this way they have been successful in covering up their earnings greater than could be made from "reasonable" rates. It is this sort of thing that has led the commission to demand a uniform system of accounting, so that it could see just what the railroads are doing. It is going to try to force the roads to do business on a basis of a fair earnings on actual values.

That there will yet be an official value placed on all the railroads in the United States is pretty generally conceded. Experience has demonstrated

How to Fool a Lazy Liver with Artificial Exercise

EVERY serious sickness has a small beginning. And, in nine cases out of ten, that beginning is made in the bowels.

Constipation is the beginning of most diseases. It paves the way for all others. Lack of exercise, hasty eating, improper food, are its first causes.

Laziness, and postponement, permit it to grow into Chronic Constipation, which means life-long discomfort.

It isn't necessary to be sick-a-bed, you know, in order to be mighty uncomfortable. Even a slight indigestion affects the nerves, dulls the mind, and obscures the merry sunshine of life.

The time to adjust the bowels is the very minute you suspect they need adjustment. —If your tongue is slightly coated, —If your breath is under suspicion, —If your head feels a trifle heavy or dull, —If digestion seems even a little slow, —If heartburn, belching, Colic or Restlessness begin to show themselves, —That's the time to eat a Cascaret. It acts as pleasantly as it tastes. It is as congenial to your bowels as it is to your palate.

It stimulates the muscular lining of the bowels and intestines, so that they mechanically extract nourishment from the food and drive out the waste.

The only way to have Cascarets ready to use precisely when you need them is to carry them constantly in your pocket, as you do a Watch or a Lead pencil.

The ten cent box of Cascarets is made thin, flat, round-edged, and small, for this precise purpose.

Be very careful to get the genuine, made only by the Sterling Remedy Company and never sold in bulk. Every tablet stamped "CCC." All druggists.

that there will have to be some guide by which to ascertain the reasonableness of a rate. It is believed that the next Congress will take steps in that direction. There are many who believe that such legislation will have to be passed. The fact that this accord with the views of the President makes it certain that a strong effort will be made to have a physical valuation of the railroads made. A suggestion was recently made by Attorney-General Clegg, of Oklahoma, in the course of an argument before the commission, that has commended itself to many thinking men. He said that the railroads are as poor as Job's turkey when the assessor is around, but as rich as Croesus when it comes to a basis for rate-making.

He suggested that there ought to be a value fixed, letting the railroads have a fair hand in its fixing, whereby a single standard of value is set up to apply for purposes of taxation and for rate-making. This would keep the railroads from placing their values too low, since it would make rates too low, and they would be stopped from placing the value too unreasonably high, since it would make their taxes too big. These are the men who believe that this policy, followed out by the States and the Federal Government, would help matters vastly.

Situation in Virginia.

An instance where the conditions cited by Mr. Clegg exist is in Virginia. Here the railroads were assessed at \$18,000 a mile, and they claimed that that was too high. And yet when the Corporation Commission of the State valued them at figures ranging from \$45,000 to \$50,000 a mile for the purpose of fixing rates in Virginia, they claimed that these values were too low, and that rates based on such a basis would be so low as to be confiscatory. And they have taken the case to the Federal courts on that ground.

INSTITUTE CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SESSION

Many Colored Girls at St. Francis de Sales Institute Win Honors.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROCK CASTLE, VA., July 6.—The annual commencement exercises of St. Francis de Sales Institute were held on June 26th at 2 o'clock P. M. A larger audience perhaps than gathered on any former occasion crowded the spacious institute hall, while many were forced to view the exercises through the open windows.

The growing interest in the "negro problem" has led many fair-minded persons to make a candid investigation of what the Catholic Church means by the education of the negro, and especially by the education of its women—that portion of the race whose influence for good or evil marks its progress or deterioration. In the church's efforts St. Francis de Sales Institute stands paramount among its schools for colored girls.

Here they are taught the moral, physical and social advantages of labor, which advantages they as a people are sometimes prone to overlook, and are obliged to the practice as well as the theory.

Among the visitors present on the occasion were the Rev. Wm. F. Stadelman, C. S. Sp., Rev. Charles A. LaRue, C. S. Sp., Rev. Charles F. Hannigan, of St. Joseph's Church, Richmond; the Rev. Edward Houlihan, of St. Joseph's Church, Norfolk; the Rev. Brother Wolfert, formerly director of La Salle College, the Rev. Brother Gratian, the present director of St. Francis Industrial School, Edinburg, Pa.; the Rev. Brother Gordan, director of Emma Agricultural College, at Belmont; the Rev. Brothers John, Peter and Faber.

The salutatory, which Estelle Barrett rendered in a very creditable manner, gave in a humorous way a synopsis of the studies pursued by the graduates and a short history of each. Bessie Curtis and Mamie Winlock played the overture, "Foot and Peasant." Irene Berry, of Washington, D. C., for four years a student of the school, and whom the yellow students called "our Patti," sang her last song, "My Queenly Island Home." Hazel Brown, of Richmond, and Frances Assor, of Mississippi, made their first appearance with a duet, "The Anvil Chorus" was well performed by Gauda Cuffee, Anna Lee and Bessie Curtis, while the choir so pleased the audience with its rendering of "Call John" that they were obliged to repeat it. With the allegorical drama, "The War of the Roses," and several selections from the band of St. Emma Industrial and Agricultural College, closed the first part of the program.

The second part of the program began with a strong and energetic address to the graduates by the Rev. William F. Stadelman, C. S. Sp., religious instructor at the institute. A first honor gold medal given to the graduates to make every month of the year an average of not less than 95 per cent in studies and general deportment were received by Mary E. Ward, Mobile, Ala.; Helen M. Shockley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Lee Jones, Atlanta, Ga.; Arvilla A. Bunn, Nashville, Tenn.; Jessie B. Clevenger, Washington, N. C.; Elise M. Forbes, Jamaica, W. I.; Sadie E. Jordan, Leonardtown, Md.; Anna M. Lee, of New York, and Martha Collins and Ida M. Scott, of Richmond, Va.

Medals won by competitive examinations in Christian doctrine, and presented by Rev. William F. Stadelman, were awarded to Helen M. Shockley, Elise M. Forbes, Margaret Minor, Gertrude Davis, Leona V. Taylor and Mamie C. Winlock. The latter was also awarded a second medal for improvement in music.

Diplomas in the literary and domestic science course were received by Mary E. Ward, Estelle Barrett, Martha Pleasant and Blonnie Ames, of Wilmington, N. C. Those who received diplomas in the domestic science course were Katharine La Roche, Irene M. Berry, Elizabeth Jones and Theresa Crocker.

Mary Ward, in her valedictory, echoed the true sentiments of the students of St. Francis de Sales toward their Alma Mater.

Appoint Mr. Buchanan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., July 6.—Mr. E. F. Buchanan, of Norcross, Ga., has been named as vice-president of The Whitney Company, of Salisbury and Pittsburg, succeeding Captain E. C. Hambley, who died recently at his home in this city. The company is developing the mammoth power plant consisting of 1,400 horsepower capacity, at Whitney on the Yadkin River, and is also developing a big granite industry at Granite Quarry, Rowan county. Together with President George I. Whitney and a party of capitalists from Pennsylvania and New York, Mr. Buchanan spent to-day at Whitney inspecting the work at that place.

A Special in Ribbons

1,500 yards All Pure Silk Taffeta and Mesaline Ribbons, 6 inches wide. All colors. A big value at 50c yard.

Miller & Rhoads

Cream Storm Serge, 59¢

An all-wool fabric, 37 inches wide, suitable for separate skirts or entire suits. Very fashionable this season.

Mail orders filled at advertised prices. We prepay forwarding charges on mail orders of \$5 from the Virginia and Carolina when accompanied by cash.

Women's Summer Suits

Were \$10.98 to \$22.50, Now \$5.75

A clearing-up sale of Brilliantine, Panama, Cheviot, Broadcloth and Fancy Mixture Suits, Eton, Pony and a few Jumper styles, in white, gray, navy, black and fancy stripes and checks.

While the various assortments are broken in sizes you'll find a general line of sizes at the price, and you'll also find the biggest bargains in lightweight wool suits ever offered for sale in Richmond.

Black and Fancy PANAMA SUITS, WHITE VOILES, WORSTEDS and CHECKED TAFFETA SILK SUITS, in Eton and Coat styles.

Odd sizes in each lot, but a good assortment in the general assortment.

Former Prices \$22.50 to \$35, Now \$10.98

Wash Suits New and Handsome Styles, \$8.98 and \$10.98

The JAMESTOWN TOURING SUIT is the very latest creation in Summer Wash Suits, and it's a beauty.

Tan Galatea Cloth, in short, tight-fitting coats, or the longer pony coat style. Coat trimmed with stitched strappings; long sleeves and cuffs; full plaited skirt. Short Coat Suits, \$8.98; Pony Coat style, \$10.98.

Linen Crash \$10.98 Khaki Cloth \$10.98 Suits, - - - Suits, - - -

Coarse, all-linen crash; coats made 3-button cutaway in front, with a semi-tight fitting back, long sleeve with cuffs; full plaited skirt. Launderers beautifully. Very good value, \$10.98.

You can imagine how it wears when the government selects this fabric for service uniforms. Pony coat, long straight front, semi-tight fitting back; long sleeves with cuffs, pearl buttons. Full plaited skirt, \$10.98.

Extra Good Qualities of Muslin Underwear

The sales of Muslin Underwear are increasing every day over last year's record, which was our banner year in this department.

"Success" is only another name for giving the best of values and always having what people want.

Gowns, nainsook, empire style, chemise neck, short sleeves, Val lace trimming, \$1.50.

Gowns, nainsook, round neck, chemise style, round yoke effect of three rows Val lace, lace edge, neck and sleeves, \$2.50.

Petticoats, good quality cambric, top, deep lawn ruffle, three clusters of six fine tucks, deep hem, \$1.19.

Petticoats, cambric top, lawn ruffle, three clusters of four fine tucks, deep ruffle of Swiss embroidery, \$2.

Chemise, good nainsook, round neck, trimmed with one band of torchon lace insertion, beading, ribbon and lace edge, \$1.

Chemise, good nainsook, round

neck, with one row Swiss heading, Val lace insertion and edge, \$2.

Drawers, nainsook, umbrella ruffle of lawn, cluster of four fine tucks above the ruffle, two hem-stitched tucks in ruffle, Swiss edge and sleeves, \$1.

Drawers, good nainsook, lawn ruffle, cluster of seven fine tucks, two rows Val lace insertion, Val edge, \$2.

Corset Covers, good nainsook, three rows Val lace insertion, lace edge and beading on neck, \$1.

Corset Covers, good nainsook, full front, one row Swiss lace insertion around neck, beading, ribbon and Swiss edge, fine tucks at waist, \$1.50.

Some Handsome Pieces in Quadruple Silver Plate

Many pretty and useful gifts may be found among our assortment of silverware.

Without boasting we may say that the collection is unequalled in this city for beauty, variety and moderate prices.

Gravy Ladles, World brand, grape designs, \$6c.

Cold Meat Forks and Cream Ladles, 75c.

Cream Sets (sugar scoop, butter knife and cream ladle), \$1.00.

Salad Sets, \$2.25.

Berry Sets, \$2.00.

Ice Cream Sets (knife and six spoons), \$2.50.

Soup Sets (one ladle and six spoons), \$5.

YATES ACQUITTED OF SERIOUS CHARGE

Was Accused of Perjury and Attempt to Blackmail Saloon-keeper.

Charles Yates, colored, appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning to answer to the charge of perjury, stated that the men were in the saloon on the Sunday in question, and that Mrs. Baab had said to him that she wished to see Yates before Captain Epes saw him. Then it developed that Yates had written to Mayor McCarthy asking if Policeman Palmer had reported the saloon. The writer suggested that if the place had not been reported the matter should be investigated, as he knew the place was open, and that he and three other witnesses among them Yates, were willing to testify before the Board of Police Commissioners. This letter was written on June 24th, and on July 3d Chief Warner, to whom the letter had been

turned over by the Mayor, wrote that the charges against Mr. Palmer had been investigated and had not been sustained. Palmer had testified that the saloon was closed on the day in question.

Attorney H. M. Smith appeared for Mrs. Baab and Attorney George E. Wise for Yates.

Invite Butler to Speak.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., July 6.—Ex-Senator Marion Butler has accepted an invitation extended him to speak in Salisbury in the near future. Butler is certain that he will visit Rowan in time to sound the keynote of the next campaign. Mr. Butler has many admirers in this section, who expect to see him make a vigorous attack on State Chairman Spencer B. Adams, of the Republican party, when he speaks in this State again.

Not So Easy.

"I cracked a lawyer's house the other night," said the first burglar, disgustedly, "and the lawyer was there with a gun all ready for me. He advised me to get it out."

"You got off easy," replied the other, "for this advice."—Philadelphia Press.

The Nature of the Creature.

"Your cook—"

"Oh, she is so careless that I don't believe she could drop a remark without breaking her word."

Old Remedy. NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Tarrant's Extract of Cubebs and Capsella.

CAPSULES. The capsules, each and through cure for single and contagious venereal and venereal diseases. Easy to take, convenient to carry. Fifty years' successful use. Price \$1.00.

T. A. Miller, 519 E. Broad; Tregle Drug Co., 517 E. Broad, Richmond; or by mail from The Tarrant Co., 41 Hudson St., New York.

Summer Blankets

Gray and Tan Blankets, 66x 80 inches—The very thing for summer camping parties—the proper weight, size—and price.

Cow Hide Suit-Cases, \$2.75

There's a big demand for them at the price, and well worth the money they are; 24-inch size, linen lined, good brass lock and bolts, \$2.75.

Leopard Suit-Cases, 22-inch also inside straps, good brass lock and bolts; reinforced corners; waterproof, \$1.75.

Good Trunks for \$2.75 ea

Good not only for service, but neat in appearance; well built in every way.

30-inch size, canvas covered, iron bound and bottom, good brass lock, \$2.75.

34-inch Canvas Covered Trunks, double strap, good brass lock, \$4.25.

Summer Curtains

Madras Curtains, 3 yards long, all colors, beautiful effects.

One dollar is the price nearly everywhere. Our prices, 75c and 89c.

Snowflake Curtains, in beautiful colorings, heavily fringed top and bottom, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50.

White Bed Quilts

Values that You'll Appreciate

There's one in particular at \$1.50 that equals in quality and style any ordinary \$1.75 Quilt on the market.

Heavy white cotton, nicely hemmed, 76x88 inches, \$1.50.

Another excellent Quilt at \$1.50 is 50x88 inches in size, with fringed and cut corners.

White, Hemmed Quilts, 76x88 inches. Best \$1 Quilt sold.

Corset Covers, good nainsook, three rows Val lace insertion, lace edge and beading on neck, \$1.

Corset Covers, good nainsook, full front, one row Swiss lace insertion around neck, beading, ribbon and Swiss edge, fine tucks at waist, \$1.50.

Clearing-up time has come for Parasols, although there's been very little hot weather.

We bought for the weather that should have been here. Big variety of all the popular colors and styles of the season.

Our \$3.50 and \$3.98 Silk Parasols are now \$2.98.

The \$5, \$6 and \$7.50 Parasols are now \$3.50.

\$1.00 White Linene Parasols, - - - 79c

It's a "white" summer, and you'll hunt a long while to find as good a specimen of a Parasol as ours at 79c.

White Linen Parasols, in six different designs of embroidery including edging, tucks, and decorative hemming—all \$1.50 values, for \$1.19.

White Long Cloth

\$1.45 and \$1.59 Per Piece of 12 Yards

Regular Prices \$1.75 and \$1.90

Two cases just received—the 12 yards are in two pieces instead of one—hence the reduction in price.

Nos. 300 and 350 Long Cloth, which as you know sells for \$1.75 and \$1.90 per piece. To-morrow's prices, \$1.45 and \$1.50.

Mercerized Damask, Satin Finish, 39c, 50c, 59c, 65c Yard

There's not one of the four values quoted but what usually sells for a higher price than we are asking.

American weave, 58 inches wide, 80c yard. Best German weaves, 58, 64 and 72 inches wide, 50c, 59c and 65c yard. Napkins to match, 70c and \$1.10 a dozen.

Three Big Values in Towels, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 doz

Eighty-five dozen of Hemmed Huck Towels—all that a jobber had of this particular lot. We have a sacrifice. Especially good Towels for hotel use.

One hundred dozen of small lot for an important to handle, so we secured the Towels under price.

Extra heavy and large Turkish Bath Towels; fringed or hemmed ends. Unusually good value.

\$1.00 Dozen \$1.50 Dozen \$2.00 Dozen

Colored Linen Suitings

15c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 50c Yard

Most popular fabric this season for wash dresses is Colored Linen.

We've sold double the quantity this year over any previous season.

Our stock is complete with all the desirable shades, such as brown, light blue, French blue, pink, heliotrope, champagne and black.

(Wash Goods Department.)

New Carpets, 75c and 90c yd

Tapestries in all colors and the prettiest combinations you ever looked at.

Patterns to suit any room in the house—the 90c grades have borders to match.

'Twill certainly pay you to purchase Carpets or Rugs this month, as the new arrivals are certainly by far the handsomest that ever entered Richmond.

Special Values in 9x12 Feet Tapestry Brussels Rugs \$15

\$15 is the price, but \$18 is the value. All colors in Oriental and floral patterns, medallion and allover effects, \$15.

Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet, Oriental patterns, all colors, \$25.

Women's Hosiery: Guaranteed to Wear.

We'll replace any Stockings mentioned below that are not satisfactory.

When WE SAY a Stocking is full fashioned we mean that there's no seam over the toe.

Our Black Medium Weight Cotton Hose, with double sole and split foot, at 25c pair, are full fashioned Stockings, made by the best mill in America. Also, Black Gauze Cotton and Black Gauze Lisle at the same price—25c.

Women's Black Gauze Cotton Hose, with a lisle finish, full fashioned. Finest gauge stocking sold, and better than any 50c imported stocking. Double sole, spliced heel and toes. 35c

Women's Black Mercerized Silk Lisle Stockings, all the appearance of silk. Full fashioned. 35c

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